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Program Formed For Leadership Week Here

Walnut Creek Stake Number Three In Church for Senior Aaronic Work

By Samuel W. Taylor

Outstanding among Bay Area stakes has been the work of Walnut Creek Stake in Senior Aaronic work. For two consecutive months the stake has been listed among the top 25 of the entire Church in two categories. In fact, for the month of March, it was number three in the Church in the category of "Assignments Filled to Total Membership," with a percentage of 109.76.

"Interest in Senior Aaronic members as individuals is the key to this work," Stake President Norman Creer states, "and bringing their wives into the program with them."

COUPLES ADVANCED

As a result of this policy, seven couples of a recent Senior Aaronic school at a single ward, Concord, were advanced and went through the Temple.

"Our aim is to make the entire group worthy to be advanced to the higher Priesthood," President Creer states.

To this end, the individual bishops call each couple in separately for a private interview, before the school begins, and reach a mutual agreement that the temple is the goal.

Following this there is a program of "fellowship," by which the Senior Aaronic members are made welcome and kept active.

President Creer believes that the holding of Senior schools on a ward basis, rather than a stake basis, has done the most good in the success of the recent program. Formerly, from 30 to 90 people at tended a stake school. Now there are five ward schools in session in the stake, with a total membership of 129.

START ALL OVER

In a sense, Senior Aaronic work is self-defeating. "We make Elders out of them — and then have to start over," President Creer says. But this is a type of defeat he en joys. Three and a half years ago, when the stake was formed, there were more Senior Aaronics than Elders in it. Now, due to the work, the situation is reversed. In 1959, 30 senior members became Elders, "And there will be more this year."

Chairman of the Stake Senior Aaronic Committee is Joe Brown, a patent attorney, who has a strong feeling for the work. His energetic program is responsible in a large degree for the stake's outstanding work. He has a written program, then follows it up with personal contacts.

KEEP ACTIVE

The essentials of the program are to keep the Senior members active and working, with the following schedule:

One cottage meeting is held each month in each ward.

A senior Aaronic council meeting is held each month.

Two schools are held each year by each ward.

Three quorums are formed in each ward.

Two socials are held each year in each ward.

One cottage meeting is held each month, for each ward advisor.

The "Green Thumb" project is

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Chance to Get Your Name On Bronze Plaque

What's in a name? Why, hot dogs, pop, a picnic all for free, and in addition your name on a bronze plaque, that's what!

The 550-acre tract in the Santa Cruz mountains now being developed as a recreational area for the use of San Jose, San Mateo and Palo Alto stakes doesn't have a name, not an official one, not a good, short, snappy and meaningful one. And so a contest is on.

Eligible for the contest are all organizations, quorums and classes of the three stakes—Relief Society, Priesthood Quorums, MIA classes, Sunday school classes both adult and junior, and Primary. And if many people belong to more than one class, that increases their chances of winning for at least one of them.

Names are to be forwarded to Burnett Hendryx, 118 Bancroft Road, Burlingame, before the closing date, which is July 15. And the winning class or group will have a free picnic at the newly-named park and its name on a permanent plaque there.

Hayward Stake

'A Young Man With a Purpose' Wins Honors at Arroyo High

By Nell Smith

"A young man with a purpose . . ." is Principal Robert C. Bush's opinion of Bill Hartley and with every good reason.

Graduation is a time for the bestowing of honors and Bill Hartley, class of '60, Arroyo High School, was a busy fellow the past four years. In addition to the six awards he earned, he was also selected as a student speaker at the commencement exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hartley's son Bill has had a big four years. Beginning in his freshman year when he was elected to the student council, where he remained throughout the full school term, became vice-president of the California Scholarship Federation and ended up student body president for his full senior year.

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Bill has earned Brigham Young University's Academic Scholarship for four full years. In addition he has received Arroyo High school's Student Body Scholarship, the Bank of America's Liberal Arts Trophy and Arroyo High School Boy's League award.

In the interim he won for himself his junior varsity athletic block letter, life membership in C.S.F., was named to represent his school at the Northern California Civil Liberties Conference, first place class C for physical fitness, member of track team for three years and voted by his fellow students as "Most Likely to Succeed."

He is a member of San Lorenzo Ward, Hayward Stake. Church activities did not take a back seat, since Bill has been regularly attending Seminary and has served as president for two years. He was winner of the Bay Area Seminaries speech contest which gave him a trip to the Sacred Grove and other church history sites.

Active in his priesthood quorums, he has earned six attendance certificates with over 90 per cent, has attained "Star" rank in Scouting and was awarded his "Duty to God" pin. He has been on all the softball and basketball leagues and was with the MIA group which was awarded a trip to the Los Angeles Temple last year.

While maintaining this vigorous schedule Bill also has a part time job at which he works about 15 hours a week.

Principal Bush in his summation said, "Bill is a young man with purpose and direction. He plans, establishes his goals, and works hard for success. I believe he will be strength for our country in his adult life as he has been for our school."

Bishop Douglas P. Larsen, San Lorenzo ward, put it this way, "He is ambitious and industrious and has exhibited qualities of leadership in church, school and community."

Registered at Brigham Young University, Bill plans a general college course for his first year but expects to become a teacher. At home he has three brothers, Bryan, a sophomore at University of California, at Berkeley, majoring in engineering, and Richard and Jimmy. A married brother Chuck, lives in Oregon.

LEADERSHIP WEEK—Willard E. Ellis, left, chairman of Registration and Finance, and Lee Kenner, center, Chairman of Program and Faculty, discuss problems of the 1960 Northern California Leadership Week with Hartley Fredrickson, right, representative of the Brigham Young University in charge of the Northern California Leadership Week program.

Event at Center Again; To Start On August 2

The Second Annual Northern California Leadership Week, changed somewhat from the successful event held last year, will be conducted at the East Bay Interstake Center in Oakland August 29-September 2.

The event this year, entirely under direction of the Brigham Young University staff, will provide five days of educational experiences. It is designed to help Church members and others to become better leaders in the home, the community and the Church.

Courses to be offered this year will include child discipline, family life, Church history, philosophy, teacher training, art, humanities, recreation, music, audio-visual aid instruction, college preparation, political science, improving your reading and listening, public speaking, literature, counseling, human relations and many others.

EVENING ASSEMBLIES

Speakers at evening assemblies promise to be especially stimulating, providing information of world events.

Participation of the B.Y.U. faculty has been stepped up this year, with each of the professors presenting three different courses in place of two, as last year.

One highlight will be the presence of Crawford Gates, young composer of "Scenes from the Book of Mormon" and the Utah Centennial pageant, "Promised Valley." He will conduct courses in "Beginning Baton Techniques," "Advanced Baton Techniques" and "Music Appreciation."

PROFESSORS RETURN

Professors who were favorites last year will be returning and teachers new to the area have been added to the faculty. A selected group of teachers from local schools also will conduct classes.

Last year the program was sponsored by nine stakes in this area. The stakes guaranteed 1,000 registrants but the final attendance reached a total of 2,941.

An evaluation report of the B.Y.U. staff, directed by Dean Harold Glen Clark of Adult Educttion and Extension Services, set forth: "Northern California's first Leadership Week (1959) was a remarkable success. It exceeded all other trial Leadership Weeks ever held off campus, in planning and attendance. The spirit . . . was exceptionally high and rewarding."

The staff also commended the local committee under the leadership of President Elmo Smith for . . . "unselfish efforts . . ."

W. Aird MacDonald Weds L. Sandall

Mrs. Leonora Mitchell Sandall and W. Aird MacDonald recently announced their marriage in the Salt Lake Temple. Elder MacDonald formerly lived in the Bay area and was president of the old San Francisco Stake, before it was divided.

The couple have made their home in Bountiful, Utah.

San Francisco Stake

President Moyle, Elder Hunter Visit S.F. Stake Conference

Choir and congregation united in singing "We Thank Thee O God, for a Prophet," to open the morning session of the San Francisco Stake Conference. Elder Howard W. Hunter of the Quorum of the Twelve presided and President Irven G. Derrick conducted the meetings. Elder Walter Dansie of the General Church Welfare Committee was also visiting, as was Elder Hunter's wife. Other prominent members in attendance were: President Warren Pugh of the Northern California Mission, President Norman B. Creer of the Walnut Creek Stake, Leland Kay Guymon of the Atlanta Stake Presidency and Glen Nielsen, building superintendent of the new San Francisco Stake Center.

President Derrick cautioned the people that our faith which is the foundation of man's relationship with God would fade and die if not exercised. Elder Dansie said that we have all the luxuries but have not paid for them. He said even our conservative banks are making it easy for us to spend beyond our means. Elder Hunter warned against letting answers to prayer become problems but to follow the word of the Lord implicitly and He will sustain us.

PRESIDENT MOYLE

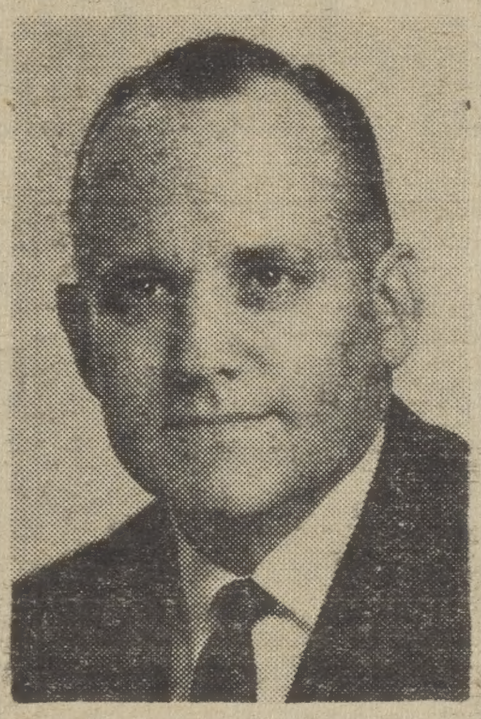
Elder Henry D. Moyle of the First Presidency attended the afternoon session and spoke and warmly stated that he looks forward to the time when he might attend the dedicatory services for the new Stake Center. He also said that man, through the doctrine of God, is engaged in eternal improvement. The conference closed with the MIA chorus singing "God of Our Father," and Leroy Lambert, new president of the High Priest's quorum, offered the closing prayer.

The following were sustained as new officers in the San Francisco Stake: Members of the High Council, Conrad S. Barber and George Wesley Tolley; alternate member of the High Council, Norvel E. Alexander; Stake Clerk, William A. Callaway; Assistant Stake Clerk, Evan C. Ray; presidency of the High Priest's quorum, Leroy Lambert, president, Russell K. Homer, first counselor, Grant Geddes, secretary; president of the seventh quorum of elders, Royse Allen Bills. Presidency of the Stake Mission, Leon F. Liddell, president, Ervin S. McDonald, first counselor, Richard N. Lefler, second counselor, Mabel O. Liddell, secretary; Stake Relief Society presidency, Mary Tolley, second counselor; Stake Sunday School superintendent, Gawin Lenord Goodrich; Stake YMMIA, Harry D. Raub, age group counselor, Wayne Jackson, secretary.

The San Francisco Stake MIA conducted the evening service of the Conference. Under the direction of Stake YWMIA President Beryl Theuer, the service followed the theme "Of Conversion and Testimony."

CONVERSION STORIES

Several famous stories of conversion, taken from the Bible, Book of Mormon, and modern Church history, were presented. The conversions portrayed were:



ELDER HOWARD W. HUNTER

The Apostle Paul, Alma The Younger, Brigham Young, and Anna Widstoe (mother of John A. Widstoe). An MIA leader, a recent convert to the Church, told how the gospel had changed his life and how various Church members helped strengthen his testimony. Marvin Alexander, singing a solo, and a trio composed of Sisters Sheila Peterson, Ellene Smith, and Christina Politis presented the musical portion of the service.

Stake President Irven G. Derrick and many members of the congregation congratulated the participants. Special commendation was given Sister Beryl Theurer for writing the script and directing the program.

The following are new members of the Church who have joined as a result of the San Francisco Stake Mission activities: Auguste Schoeder Koch and Thomas Joseph Manning Jr. Full-time missionaries in our Stake have baptized Sara Margaret Anderson and Judith Ann Hudson of the San Francisco Ward and Hildred Dorothy Mongeluzzo of the Balboa Second ward.

STAKE CENTER

San Francisco Stake members were urged to help in the effort to complete the new Stake Center in a talk by Glen Nielsen, building supervisor. He said that the members had done about 99 percent of the building. He gave the following statistics: The members had dug 700 linear feet of footing through solid rock, bent and laid 80,000 pounds of reinforcing steel, poured 900 yards of concrete footings, cut and nailed 272,000 board feet of lumber and plywood.

He also urged the brethren to rally to the work of installing 50,000 square feet of insulating material. He said that a great testimony had been built within him through the association with the brethren of the Church in his labor of constructing new Church buildings. Brother Nielsen has supervised the building and saved the Stake money on the project.

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Comparative Ratings, Bay Area Stakes, March, 1960

	Church Average	Palo Alto	Walnut Creek	San Mateo	Santa Rosa	Oakland-Berkeley	Hayward	San Francisco	San Jose
Stake Ratings (Maximum 3400)	1759	1872	1816	1786	1768	1734	1720	1456	1403
Sacramento Meeting									
% Attendance									
High Priests	67	79	74	80	83	68	80	73	77
70's	57	71	58	75	62	62	61	54	60
Elders	32	39	37	39	36	36	38	32	37
Aaronic	24	59*	55	48	52	54*	54	42*	42
YWMIA	33	49	53	54	53	57	48	50	46
Ward Members	36	35	31	31	32*	31	30	27*	27*
Ward Teaching									
Visits	82	88	82	84	70	73	87	50	53*
Report Meeting	58	58	59	80	36	61	66	50	62*
Senior Aaronic									
% Visited	34	45	27	17	52	33	22	16	nr
Assignments	13	15	23	17	19	17	17	9	nr
Sunday School									
YWMIA	67	56	61	59	56	64	54	53	52
Mutual									
YWMIA	65	55	58	61	56	59	58	52	52
YMMIA	42	40	41	44	45*	nr	42	31	nr

*—Incomplete report. nr—No report.

Outstanding achievements for the month were in overall averages, four Bay area stakes being above Church average. Individual honors go to Walnut Creek Stake and San Mateo Stake, each of which placed among the first 25 in the Church in various ratings. Walnut Creek was number 3 among the entire Church in "Assignments filled to total membership," and number 25 in "Percent of members filling assignments," both categories of Senior Aaronic work. San Mateo Stake was number 25 in attendance at Ward Teachers Report Meeting.

Hayward Ward

Relief Society Rummage Sale

The Relief Society of Hayward Ward reminds us that Saturday, July 30th, is the date of their Rummage Sale. This will be held at the Union Funeraria Hall, 25226 Mission Blvd., Hayward, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A trip to Los Angeles, including a day at Disneyland and a day at the Los Angeles Temple doing baptismal work has been won by the Beehive Girls of the ward. This is the reward for effort which enabled them to achieve the highest percentage of increase in class attendance in the stake since September of last year.

The girls who will make this trip are: Edith Blankenship, Greta Carlson, Noel Duncan, Pamela Hancock, Lola Hardwick, Janet Hemming, Lynda McPherson, Susan Monson, Sharon Norris, Edel Savage, and Pat Steffes. Their leaders are Jackie Werrett and Jean Griffith. Congratulations to all of you!

Diane Ahlin and Sharlene McClellan, will be given the same trip. They attained one-hundred per cent attendance at all required Church meetings under the Girls' Program.

The Mutual is very busy with road show preparations, and officers ask that all persons in the ward who play musical instruments, and are interested in participation in the road show, contact Herta Tanner, director, or one of the Mutual officers.

Along with road show preparations, plans are being made for many fun activities this summer, among them are swimming, roller-skating, and picnics.

Ruth Wilson is now president of the Primary and she has chosen as her counselors Sheryl Bohn, and Elinor Stock. New teachers in the Primary are Carol Grimes, Milton and Vera Hendricks, Joanne McMahon, Frances Newton, Connie Radenz, Carol Rowley, and Shirley Zimmer. The Chorister is Anna Moore. Ruth wishes to express her appreciation and thanks for the support and help of the teachers already working in the Primary, and to Gwen Edmunds, who is temporarily acting as organist. Lura Punos is on leave of absence because of illness. Primary is now held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Some of the coming summer activities include a Fundalay for the Trailbuilders, a Homebuilders' Holiday, and the Ward Primary Picnic.

Livermore Ward

Church History Dinner Theme

By Willemyntje C. Sorensen

A progressive dinner, sponsored by the Livermore Ward Sunday School, was held on Friday, May 13, in the homes of ward members. The theme of the dinner was Church History and various homes were decorated to depict events from Church History. The final stop was at a home decorated to resemble a new chapel. Funds gathered from the dinner were turned over to the Bishop to go towards the building fund. This amounted to $255.

The Relief Society held its closing social on May 26, at the home of Brother and Sister Wilford Webb. There were 51 ladies present and they all enjoyed a smorgasbord and a program prepared by Lorraine Simons and Norma Franks.

The program consisted of the Choraliers directed by Sue Hickenlooper and accompanied by Pat Holiday. Virginia Badger gave a reading.

Members of the committees were as follows: Food committee, Beverly Behling and Joan Valentine, Decoration Committee, Cleone Parker and Persis Corling, Table committee, Charlene Smith and Jackie Stern.

Brother and Sister Cal Bond have a new baby girl in the family. They have one other daughter.

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MUTUAL AID PROGRAM . . . Bill Hartley, Arroyo high school student-body president, and San Lorenzo Ward Bishop Douglas Larsen check over their speeches. Bishop addressed the baccalaureate services held June 12, while Bill was one of the speakers at the graduation rites. —photo by Al Scheuller

Work Advancing on Tri-Stake Area

By Gay Taylor

Representatives of three stakes met at Palo Alto Stake Center recently for a project report meeting on the 50-acre recreation area being developed in the Santa Cruz mountains for the use of San Jose, Palo Alto, and San Mateo Stakes.

Reporting on work in progress by the various stakes, Project Manager Colonel Floyd Goates stated that Palo Alto Stake had the main water system 50 percent complete. Tanks and pipe have been secured and delivered to the site. This stake also has the swimming pool excavated and materials on hand for construction of a temporary pool of plywood, to be used until the permanent pool is constructed.

San Jose Stake is 90 percent complete on its project of making a lawn area for recreational purposes on the main valley below the cabin. Extensive filling, grading and draining have been done, and this area is nearly ready to be seeded to lawn grass.

San Jose is also 50 percent complete in finishing its camping area, 50 percent complete with its water system and 50 percent complete with its parking area.

LODGE BUILDING

San Mateo Stake has dismantled and hauled to the site a building which will be erected as a lodge for the YWMIA Girls' Camp. It has dismantled a 50,000 gallon water tank that will be transported to the area and incorporated in the system. The road construction is complete, its camping area 775 percent complete, and the ball park 50 percent finished.

It is planned to plant the grass in the valley over the July 4th weekend. The lodge will be erected under the direction of Colonel Goates, as will be completion of a baseball diamond.

It was decided at the meeting that the Boy Scouts would build their own trails and campsites on the area, each stake to have its own individual facilities. The Scout organizations will be responsible for this development.

The meeting was held under the temporary chairmanship of Burnett Hendryx of San Mateo Stake, representing the Executive Committee, and the following were present: Ralph H. Martin, Palo Alto Stake Work Director; Leon S. Taylor, San Jose Stake High Councilman; Raymond E. Lloyd, Assistant Project Director, San Mateo Stake; Roland H. Moffett, Work Director San Jose Stake; Lund Johnson, Palo Alto Stake Presidency; Floyd Farr, San Jose Stake Presidency; Stake President William L. Stoker of San Mateo Stake; Floyd Goates, Project, Manager, and Lyle Eagan, Palo Alto Stake High Council.

PUZZLED—Rachel Signer is trying to think up a name for the Tri-Stake Recreation Area being developed in the Santa Cruz mountains for the use of San Jose, Palo Alto, and San Mateo stakes. A contest is now under way for an appropriate name, and if Rachel can think up the winner her Sunday School class at Redwood City ward will have its name on a plaque in the park, and in addition, will be guests of a free picnic.

British Mission Baptisms Soaring

Three hundred and sixty baptisms in one month! This is the remarkable record scored by missionaries of the British Mission, according to a letter received through Elder Kenneth Kneeshaw who is laboring in Ireland.

"Do you know a non-member who resides in the British Isles? Would you like him to receive the greatest gift on this earth? Then send the name to President Bernard Brockbank, 50 Princes Gate, Exhibition Road, London, S.W. 7, and a missionary, bearing the gift of the knowledge of the everlasting truth will call.

"It was largely due to the Referral Program that our missionary time has been so effective in our conversion records.

"We wondered if we might ask you to send more referrals? It is our quickest entrance into the hearts and the homes of these people."

So reads a letter from President Brockbank to the parents of missionaries. The system of name referrals seems to be effective in any mission field and it behooves the Latter-day Saints at home to forward such information that may bring about an elder's admission to a home.

Elder Kneeshaw has been in the field since the first of this year. His brother Michael, is serving in the Central States Mission. Their mother Sister Vera Kneeshaw is a Hayward Stake missionary from Castro Valley Ward.

Hayward Stake

Bishop Larsen School Speaker

"The calculated control of the course our lives will take is the responsibility of each man to himself. It cannot be given to him by others. What lies before you, and what lies behind you, are insignificant compared to what lies within you."

This challenge was offered in the baccalaureate address to the 1960 graduating class of Arroyo high school. Bishop Douglas P. Larsen of San Lorenzo Ward was the speaker. The event took place outdoors in the school patio area with a record audience in attendance.

Bishop Larsen's talk was centered on the theme, "Spiritual Living in a Nuclear Age" and as the subject developed he climaxed by advising that,

"The key to successful living in the nuclear age is the cultivation of spiritual living. And my most sincere recommendation to this graduating class today was given by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when He admonished us:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment, and the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

FIRST ASSIGNMENT

The singular honor of addressing this solemn assembly of graduates assumed added significance since Bishop Larsen is the first Latter-day Saint in the greater East Bay area to be invited to perform this assignment.

However there is an increasing awareness on the part of school authorities that there is something "different" about the Mormon Church and this "difference" has been referred to as the "fourth" religion.

(Last year Bishop Heber James Brown of Castro Valley ward was asked to participate in the marriage counseling sessions held at the close of the senior year in the Hayward High School District. Student counselors were impressed with the Latter-day Saint point of view which they noted differed in many ways with the regularly invited leaders of the Protestants, Catholic and Jewish faiths.

Bishop Brown was invited to return again this year and it is expected that a Latter-day Saint representative will become a regular visitor.)

NATIVE OF LOGAN

A native of Logan, Utah, Bishop Larsen has shepherded his flock in the San Lorenzo ward for three years. He attended Utah State College and is presently an airline executive although he says he prefers to pilot. He is married to the former Melba Eschler of Bear Lake and they have three children, Douglas, Jr., Margaret and John. They reside at 17437 Via Corona, San Lorenzo, California.

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Castro Valley Second Ward Is New Stake Addition

By Nell Smith

Hayward Stake has another addition! The new ward is named Castro Valley Second and came from a division of the Castro Valley Ward's over-populated congregation. President Milton P. Ream conducted the special Sacrament meeting at which new lines were drawn and two new bishopries were sustained.

Elder Theodore M. Mudge, former Hayward Stake clerk, was named bishop of Castro Valley and Elder Herbert J. Marsh, of the Castro Valley Second Ward.

MEET AT HOMES

It was in March, 1928, when the first branch of the Church was organized in Hayward with meetings being held in members' homes. By 1937 the branch was ready to become a ward in the old Oakland Stake. The growth of the congregation during the following years was so rapid that it was deemed wiser to divide the membership and organize another ward to be known as Castro Valley. (Since then the Oakland stake also has been divided.)

Elder Claude B. Lamkin, was ordained as the first bishop of the new ward in April 1951. Four more new units have emanated from the original Hayward parent plant. These in turn have, like Topsy, 'growed' until at this date there are 13 wards in the Hayward stake with an average congregation of 500 members. There are five completed chapels which can accomodate two congregations each and are being used by three wards until the church buildings now under construction are completed.

NATIVE OF S.F.

Bishop Mudge, a native of San Francisco, was converted to the gospel and was baptized in 1937. He met his wife, Marjorie Briggs, while attending Dimond Ward (Oakland Third) and they were later married in the Salt Lake Temple. He has served in the MIA, Sunday School, elders' quorum and is bishop's counselor. They have two children, Marlene and Janene. He is employed as a credit adjuster for Stokely Van Camp.

Elder Allen E. Gore, sustained as first counselor, was born in Ogden but grew up in Mountain View. He met his wife, Lucille Borland, in San Francisco while he was in the Navy during World War II. He is manager of Reeve's Supply and he and his family, Sylvia and Douglas moved to Castro Valley three years ago. Elder Gore has served in his quorum and was a counselor in the MIA.

Second Counselor Alden Bliss Cook completed a Spanish-American mission and has served in his quorums, MIA, teacher trainer, seminary teacher and on the Genealogical committee. He is a graduate of the University of California and presently teaches Spanish at San Lorenzo high school. He and his wife, Lois Russell, were married in the Salt Lake Temple and they have six children.

Ward Clerk Philroy Brown was born in Arizona and attended the University of Arizona. He is a partner in "Firestone Center" in Castro Valley. He was privileged to baptize his wife, Anna, a year after their marriage, which was later sealed in the Mesa Temple. Brother Brown has been ward clerk in Wilcox. They have three sons.

ALAMEDA WARD

Castro Valley Second Ward's bishop has lived in the Bay area since he was four when his family were pioneers of the Alameda ward. He has served a mission in Texas-Louisiana and has been Stake mission president. Other church assignments have included Sunday school, quorum president, Sunday School board, M Men athletic director and he is a Master M Man. Elder Marsh holds a B.A. and M.A. from the University of California and is a Phi Delta Kappa. He was a chaplain, (rank of lieutenant) in the Navy during the Korean war and is a chaplain in the active Naval Reserve. He is a student counselor and history teacher at Oakland Technical high school. He married Mary Tensmeyer in the Salt Lake Temple and they are parents of five children.

FIRST DAUGHTER

First Counselor of the Second ward Elder Donald E. Toomey announced a bonus of happiness, in addition to his call to serve in the Bishopric he is also a brand-new father of his first girl! Melody Dawn, born June 7 and weighing 7 pounds, was greeted by her two brothers David and Phillip. Brother Toomey served a two year mission in South Africa and later was graduated from Brigham Young University. Lorraine Beardall became his bride in the Salt Lake Temple and they have lived in Castro Valley for the past three years. Teaching, chorister and MIA counselor have been his Church activities and he is assistant manager for New York Life.

Sustained as second counselor was Elder Merl Prince who was born in New Harmony, Utah, and graduated from Utah State at Logan. He is presently employed as office manager for a construction company and he was in the Air Force during World War II. He and Elaine Allred were married in the Logan Temple and they are the parents of three children. Brother Prince has worked in the MIA, has served his quorum and has been a ward clerk.

Elder Thomas R. Phillips, named as ward clerk, was born in San Francisco, attended the College of Pacific, was graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Oregon and later took post-graduate work at San Francisco State. He teaches instrumental music at Arroyo high school where he is chairman of Fine Arts. After his marriage to Shirley Duffin of Oakland, he studied the gospel and was baptized into the Church in 1946. Later he took his wife to the Mesa Temple to have their marriage sealed. They have four children.

Two other ward clerks were sustained to the bishopric. They were Elders George W. Wellman, finance, and Harold B. Swaner, jr., statistics.

BOUNDARY LINES

The boundary line was drawn generally east of Almond road, down San Miguel avenue to the freeway and including Crow Canyon for the Castro Valley First Ward whose members will meet in the San Lorenzo Chapel. The Second Ward's boundaries are west of the hills and below the freeway. They will continue to assemble in the Hayward Chapel.

The two Bishops anticipate that the new chapel, now under construction at Seven Hills and Almond roads, will be ready for occupancy in about three months.

MEMBERS OF THE CONTRA COSTA String Quartet, two-year-old group of "musicians' musicians", played inspirational music for the Walnut Creek Stake Senior Aaronic Priesthood meeting last month. Shown are (l to r) Mrs. Barbara Davis, Mrs. Joan Disch, violins; Brother Oscar Busch of the Lafayette-Orinda Ward, cello; and Paul Fryer, viola. Not shown is Gary Fryer, clarinet, who appeared with the group at the Stake meeting. All the members are professional musicians living in central Contra Costa County.

Mission Ward

Ward Honors The Thurgoods

Thomas and Elizabeth Thurgood of the Mission Ward were honored at a High Priest party given June 17 at the home of Esther Cammerer. Brother and Sister Thurgood have lived in the Mission Ward for 24 years and during this time he was employed by the West Coast Laundry Machine Company. He is retiring this month.

The Thurgoods left San Francisco June 23 to return to their former home in Portland, Oregon.

When they first came to Mission Ward Brother Thurgood was first counselor of the Elders Quorum, then secretary of the Seventies and now is serving as the secretary of the High Priest Quorum. Sister Thurgood was the fourth Relief Society President of Mission Ward and has since been active in the Society. She was in an auto accident two years ago and has suffered a heart attack. They have a married daughter in Oregon.

NEW PRIMARY HEAD

Charles and Etta Earnshaw moved to their new home in St. Francis Heights leaving the presidency of the Primary vacant. Connie Wells is our new president with Marion Larsen as first counselor and Norma Adams as second counselor.

Michael L. Smith, Armando Quevado, and John Politis graduated from Primary as second class Scouts.

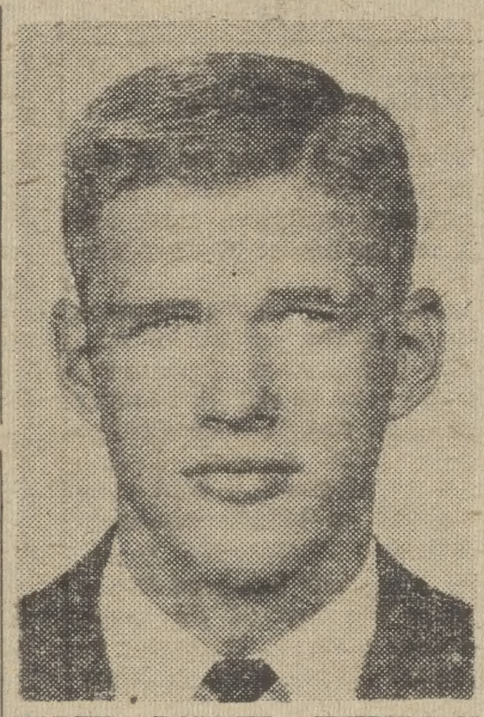
June 12 was set aside as a special day for Fasting and Prayer in behalf of Laura Louise Politis. She is the baby daughter of Lucas and Diane Politis and has suffered the loss of her hearing.

Babies blessed were: Robert Willison Miles, son of Russell and Joan Miles. Eugene Keith Alger, son of Merrial and Joyce Alger. Benjemin L. Bosque, son of Frank and Elizabeth Bosque.

Anthony Carson, Vivian Gibby and Lu Etta Lambert were baptized this month.

WORK MEETING

Fifty sisters and several children enjoyed the closing party at Relief Society on May 25. During the summer special work meetings will be held at 10 a.m. on July 11, August 1, and September 5. All sisters are invited.



ELDER PARKER FUHRIMAN

Winnie Lee Butcher and James Donald were married in an informal wedding ceremony at the Sunset Ward on May 28 with Bishop Giles officiating.

Newell and Emma Draper have their daughter, Claudia Gardiner, and her two children visiting from Ogden, Utah.

Cris Politis has gone to Grand Canyon for the summer to work.

Velma Politis is happy to have her daughter, Marilyn Sessions, and five grandchildren for a visit. Marilyn and her husband, Warrant Officer William Sessions have been stationed at Rhode Island and Georgia. Now the Navy has sent them to Long Beach for two years.

ATTEND SACRAMENT MEETINGS

Oakland Ward Honor Student Tahiti-Bound

Parker Fuhriman, son of David H. and Maurine P. Fuhriman of 1018 Winsor Ave., Oakland, members of Oakland Ward, has accepted a call to serve as a missionary in the French-Polynesian Mission. Headquarters of the mission is Tahiti.

Parker reports to the mission home in Salt Lake City on June 27. He has just completed his third year at Brigham Young University in pre-dental study and hopes to enter a school of dentistry when he returns from his mission.

His brother, David, returned in April from the Swiss-Austrian Mission. He now is at Fort Ord where he is serving his six months of active military duty, after which he plans to return to school at B.Y.U.

Elizabeth, his sister, is married to David P. Gardner; they recently moved into their new home in Orinda.

Parker always has been active in the Church and held various offices in priesthood quorums. from secretary to president. He received his Individual Award every year for three years in succession received a Special Award for achieving 100 per cent attendance at priesthood and sacrament meetings and the fulfillment of all Aaronic Priesthood requirements.

At age 16 he received his Duty to God Award and was one of the youngest Scouts in the history of scouting to acheive the Eagle Scout rank. He completed all the requirements while he was still 12 years of age.

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San Francisco Ward

Christine Gillies Marries George F. Simister in S.F.

By Echo May

At the home of Dorothy and Keith Griffith, May 7, Christine Gillies became the bride of George F. Simister. President Irving Derrick performed the marriage. Dorothy Nickleson acted as matron of honor for her mother, and George A. Simister was best man for his father. The ceremony was performed before about 35 close relatives. Brothers and sisters, sons and daughters were among the relatives. Some flew in from Salt Lake City and some drove. Wilford and Annie Greenhalgh, Frank and Lily Simister, and Tom and Florence Stead and other kin of the groom, beside David H., Mabel and family, George A. and children, Vernon Simister, and Dorothy and Keith Griffith and family. Christine's sister Mary Sernack and son Henry of San Francisco, also James and Carmen Smith (nephew and niece), and Dorothy and Bob Nickleson and family were present too.

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WEDDING CAKE

A reception was held in the San Francisco Stake recreation hall May 7, where the wedding cake was cut. Bob Collins took the pictures of the event. Friends from the Peninsula mingled with relatives and friends in San Francisco before the couple left to spend the night in St. Francis Hotel, leaving next morning for Portland, Ore., to stay with Christine's sister's family the C. E. Stitts's, and visit with other relatives among which was Crystal, Christine's twin.

Christine served a six year San Francisco Stake Mission, five with the Chinese Mission; she also spent two years in the Northern Central States Mission with headquarters in Minnesota, then a Southern California Mission in San Diego during the World Fair there.

George was in the Balboa Ward Bishopric for 21 years, and President of the High Priests Quorum until released to go to Oakland. He has now returned to Balboa Ward with his bride to make their home at 405 Serrano Drive, Apartment 2F.

San Mateo Stake

Six Converts Each Month

By Willis T. Eicke

The San Mateo Stake Mission has reached a high of six converts per month since the first of the year. This is one convert baptism per missionary thus far in 1960.

The San Mateo Stake missionaries have attained a 32-hour monthly proselyting average and are aiming for a 40-hour minimum.

Stake Mission President Roy C. Markow has expressed his gratitude at this progress and said plans for completing the new baptismal font at the Stake Center were under way. The font is unusual in that it will have a large mirror placed at an angle over the font so that those present will be able to view each baptism without leaving their seats.

The San Mateo Stake Mission has been using the facilities of other stakes for their baptismal services and are eagerly looking forward to holding their first service at the Stake Center.

Oakland-Berkeley Stake

Pioneer Day Fete At Joaquin Miller

By Marjorie Hawkins

Listen my children, you've nee'r before heard . . . Of the wonderful things planned for July 23rd . . . We'll meet at "The Meadow" in Joaquin Miller Park . . . If you don't know the way, these directions please mark . . . One mile and one quarter up Joaquin Miller Road . . . Turn left, eyes open, a sign's on the board . . . It will say LDS Picnic, to honor pioneers brave and true . . . Lets all be there to give them their due . . .

At 11:00 a.m. Umpire Stone will say . . . "Play ball"—the soft ball will then hold sway . . . Pack a nice big lunch . . . After this we'll munch . . . Next on the program the little ones come . . . The Primary skit, some may beat the drum . . .

Then it's races and prizes and fun galore . . . A volley ball game may be in store . . . We'll play that day and naturally talk . . . Till the "Go home" whistle blows at 4 o'clock . . . Then hurry home to rest a while . . .

Come back to Inter-Stake with your biggest smile . . . To the Grand Ball we invite our sister Stakes . . . To renew old friendships and new ones make . . . Henry Gallagher's music's the best we agree . . . One dollar per person, a bargain fee . . . From 9:00 till midnight we'll swing and sway . . .

Then hurry home for the Sabbath day . . . From Sunday School we must not stray . . . For this, the 24th, is the real true day . . . Our ancestors gave their all to say, "We're free to worship, to sing, to pray" . . . So don't let them down, keep the memory bright . . . And join in their celebrations light.

Manton Moody, chairman of the Pioneer Day celebration, said that all are invited to the events July 23, at "The Meadow," in Joaquin Miller Park from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and also to the Grand Ball at 9:00 p.m. at the East Bay Interstake Center. Charge for the Grand Ball will be $1 per person.

Walnut Creek Ward

Chris Jefferies Off to Southern States Mission

By Lois H. Butler

Chris Jefferies was honored with a farewell testimonial June 12 before leaving on a mission to the Southern States. Although Chris's parents, Martin and Lucille Jefferies, now live in San Luis Obispo Chris chose to leave from Walnut Creek since he's been attending the "Y" and hasn't become a part of the new ward. Many people attended the excellent farewell, including friends from Oakland Ward, where the Jefferies lived for sometime and Martin was a member of the bish opric.

Chris is the third missionary in the field and the sixth missionary the ward has had.

Eight seminary students graduated after completing the three years required. They are: Penny Cherrington, Anita Bledsoe, Thelma Harris, Mike and Pat Lee, H. Trevor Mottishaw, Bruce Muir, and Karl Stohl. There were 25 in the class. Those who didn't graduate are looking forward to a course next year in missionary training. Beginning next year there will be some new policies on class discipline, attendance, and student initiative which have been worked out by the East Bay Seminary coordinator Don Colvin and the seminary teacher, Armand Mauss to improve the spiritual tone and academic stature of the class.

NEW OFFICERS

Mary Jean Davis was released after more than two years service as president of the Relief Society with her counselor Edna Smith and secretary Reva Smith. Lillian Cutler is the new president with Kathryn Weeks, first counselor and Shirley Di Tore, Secretary. June 14 a luncheon was given following the regular monthly work meeting in honor of Mary Jean for her devoted service.

The Primary was reorganized with the release of Elaine Beck and counselors Le Landgren and Donna Bench and Margaret Degan, secretary. Le Landgren is the new president with Joan Sontag, first counselor, Maxine Pickett, second counselor, and Mary Jean Davis, secretary. The Primary has as new teachers, Charleen Bosler; Donna Bench; Joyce Anderson; Louise Mann. The Primary is enjoying the summer program and looking forward to The Hot Dog Party July 13 at the park and to The Talent Show in August. Michael Di Tore graduated from Primary, and received the priesthood. John Rogers was advanced to the office of Priest.

Senior Aaronic members, their families, with advisors and members of the bishopric had a picnic and played ball the afternoon of June 18 at Mount Diablo. Tom Johnson, secretary of the quorum, was in charge. The evening of June 17 the Elders quorum attended the Giants-Phillies baseball game and saw an exciting game.

NEW MEMBER

Patricia Sweger was baptized a member of the church by the full time missionaries. Patricia attended meetings with friends and became interested. She is a Mia Maid. Two children were baptized: Marjean Curtis, daughter of Jay and Donna Curtis who recently moved back from Colorado; and Floyd Bertagnolli, son of Floyd and Marion Bertagnolli.

Dixie Lloyd was released from the Junior Sunday School and now she and Bill have a baby girl. Linda Kelly has taken her place as a teacher. Gladys Martineau, Victor Anderson, Harold Clark, have accepted teaching positions in Sunday School while Alta Nielson and Joan Groesbeck will handle the music for the summer.

President Ione Brown and Attendance Secretary Leone Dehlin of the Mutual attended June Conference. Celia Snel went with them to spend the summer with her sister. Judy Dehlin, niece of the Dehlins, returned for a visit. Stanley Mann, who with his family recently moved here from Utah, will be M Men teacher while the college students are home. Lynn Davis has replaced Bob Chesworth as Mutual superintendent. Bob has taken his family to Salt Lake City where Gwen and the children will stay with her mother until Bob finds a house in Idaho where he was transferred. They have leased their house and hope to return in a couple of years.

Lowell Hamilton has been transferred to Salt Lake City by Kressge Co. and has moved his family there. Dick Winegar is working in Sacramento and coming home week-ends so plans on moving his family soon.

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San Mateo Stake

Word of Wisdom Truth Affirmed By 92-Year-Olds at S.M. Social

By Samuel W. Taylor

Ringing testimonies to the truth of the Word of Wisdom were given at San Mateo Stake Center by two of the best living testimonies to moderation and wisdom in daily life.

Dora Bigelow Rencher and James P. Pipkin, both 92, attributed their long life and alert mentality to wise dietary habits and activity in the Church, at the first annual social of the Golden Years Society of San Mateo Stake.

The affair was attended by 44 members over 65, who were served a luncheon and entertained by a program of music and dancing. Ray Christensen was master of ceremonies.

OLDEST LADY

As the oldest lady in attendance, Sister Rencher was presented with a corsage by Stanley S. Gibb of the High Council, chairman of the Golden Year Society, and Brother Pipkin was given a book, "Presidents of the Church."

Indian trouble caused the parents of Dora Bigelow Rencher to move to Provo, Utah, where the child was born August 23, 1868. She now resides with her brother, Eugene Bigelow, 88, at Half Moon Bay.

James P. Pipkin was born in Prairie County, Arkansas, March 30, 1868, and crossed the plains with a wagon train as a boy to Arizona, where he lived the United Order under the leadership of Lot Smith.

DEFIES GANG

As a young man, he was attacked by a gang of rowdies at a dance one night, borne to the ground, and a bottle of whiskey forced to his lips. "Let me up and I'll take care of your whiskey," he said. They let him up and he threw the bottle as far as he could into the brush. For this he was severely beaten, and one of the gang subsequently attempted to shoot him. This only stiffened his determination never to taste liquor.

Upon another occasion, feeling lonely out on the range, he went to town and bought a pipe and some tobacco for companionship. He filled the pipe, struck a match, and then thought, "If I ever want to quit, this is the best time to do it." So he threw the new pipe away, quitting before he started.

James Pipkin is active in the Redwood City Ward. Two years ago he was ordained a High Priest. "Guess they figured I was old enough," he says.

GOLDEN YEARS—Oldest man and woman attending the first Golden Years Society social at San Mateo Stake center were given awards. Pinning corsage on Dora Bigelow Rencher is Stanley Gibb of the High Council, chairman of the Golden Years Committee. At left is James P. Pipkin with the book, "Presidents of the Church' awarded him. At right is Eugene Bigelow, Sister Rencher's kid brother, who is only 88. Both Sister Rencher and Brother Pipkin are 92.

Millbrae Post For Chandler

Homer C. Chandler of Monticello, Utah, a member of the LDS Church, is the new city manager of Millbrae. He is the second administrator of the city, and was appointed after Howard Boston resigned after two weeks on the job and returned to his former position as city manager in Colusa.

Chandler, who presently is city manager of Monticello, will start to work July 12. "He has an outstanding record," said Mayor Marvin Church, of Millbrae. The vote to hire him was unanimous, at a special meeting of the city council June 13.

The new city manager is a veteran of Pacific fighting in World War II. He received his bachelor's degree from Idaho State College in political science in 1951, and his master's degree from the University of Utah in Public Administration, while teaching in 1954.

After serving as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Europe for two and a half years Chandler became assistant to the mayor of Salt Lake City from 1954 to 1955. He was then appointed manager of South Salt Lake City, remaining there until 1953 until he took his present job in Monticello.

NEW BISHOPRIC—The Berkeley First Ward leadership was reorganized in past months, and now have a fully staffed bishopric. Back row from the left, Allan R. Clyde, assistant clerk, Harold J. Glenn, ward clerk,Frank H. Miller, assistant clerk and J. Grant Chamberlain, assistant clerk. Front row from left, Spencer J. Palmer, first counselor, James E. Sabine, bishop and Arthur Q. Wood, second counselor.

Redwood City Ward

Richard Yensel Dies in East

Richard F. Yensel, husband of Beverly O. Yensel, died June 4, in the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia after a long illness with cancer of the lymph glands. He was 37, and the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yensel of West Hazelton, Pa.

While a senior at Villanova Medical School, he volunteered with a group of students to help with U. S. Army experiments with "K" Rations. He later joined the Army K-9 Corps as a veterinarian and was sent to the San Carlos Dog Training Center. While in San Carlos he met and married Beverly Osterloh, and was sent to Germany in June of 1944 with 32 mine detecting dogs. He held the rank of sergeant and saw active duty in the Battle of the Bulge.

The family moved to Philadelphia in 1950. Richard became a consulting engineer in the area. As he was going to work one morning, he collapsed on the street. He was taken to a hospital that day, July 3, 1958, and his illness was diagnosed as cancer.

He was the father of five children, four of whom are still living: Nancy, Frank, Janet and James. He and his wife Beverly lost a son, Thomas Louis, in 1946.

He was the son-in-law of Louis H. Osterloh, former bishop of the Redwood City Ward and presently High Councilman in San Mateo Stake. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Nancy O. Pomeroy, of Mesa, Arizona.

Funeral Services were held June 6, in Hazelton, Pa., where he was born and spent his childhood.

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San Francisco Ward

Wives in the Bishopric Have Mission With Husbands

By Echo May

The women of the bishoprics are seldom recognized, yet they are on a definite mission with their husbands. This time we wish to recognize our women of the San Francisco Ward Bishopric. The bishop is known as the father of the Ward family, therefore, the bishop's wife must be the mother of the Ward family.

Verna McMurdie was the only girl in a family of four born under the covenant to David McMurdie and Loretta James in Logan, Utah. She graduated from religion class, from Primary, and was active in MIA and Sunday School.

She grew up, met Thomas O. Call from Idaho, and married him in the Salt Lake Temple in 1936 under the blessing of David O. McKay. With her husband she went to Boise, Idaho, where two boys, David Thomas and Osmond John were born. David brought them their first daughter-in-law, Nancy Sleever of New Jersey, whom he married in April in the Salt Lake Temple.

ARMY WIFE

Verna and the boys followed their serviceman around the country. She served in the Church in some capacity wherever they stayed for a few months to years. She was second and first Counselor, secretary and president of Relief Society and on the Stake Board; in MIA: Gleaner teacher, counselor, speech director and drama assistant, also activity counselor on the Chicago Stake Board; she served on parts of two Stake Missions. She has done her part of traveling from Boise, Idaho, San Luis Obispo, Brigham City, Utah, Korea, Japan, Panama, Chicago, Berkeley, and at last landed in San Francisco Ward and Stake, where she was called to serve a Stake Mission, only to be relieved shortly to be "the wife of the bishop" of San Francisco Ward.

S.F. WIVES—These ladies belong to the men who run San Francisco Ward—or do the men belong to them? Front row, from left, Hilma Glew, Verna Call, Mozelle Alger. Back, from left, Renee Chaffee, Ruth Yoshinaka and Mary Morrison. —photo by Echo May

Her companions in this situation are naturally the wives of the rest of the men in the bishopric.

SISTER GLEW

Hilma Sund, whose parents were from Sweden, was born in South Jordan, Utah, to industrious Hans Sund and Edla Tibbling. She met Kenneth Glew, a mail carrier of San Francisco, and in 1932, they were married in the Salt Lake Temple. They have three children. Jordan, Arlene and Everly, all now married in the Salt Lake Temple. Sister Sund has two grandchildren.

Hilma has always been a faithful and reliable worker in the Church: Sunday School teacher, and secretary for four years; in Primary for seven years, four as the president; a Relief Society member and visiting teacher and in charge of sewing projects; now is a Gleaner leader in MIA and a substitute chorister in San Francisco Ward. She is the wife of the assistant Ward clerk, Dave Chaffee.

NEW ELDERS

James Lynch and William Marquardt were ordained elders May 15, by Dr. J. Morrille George.

Harold E. Yount was ordained a teacher on May 29th, by Bishop Call.

The San Francisco Ward Junior Soft Ball Team played Balboa

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wife of the first counselor of the bishopric.

MOZELLE'S A TEXAN

Ella Mozelle Burke, daughter and third child of John Burke and Nancy Mae Perkins was born in Vernon, Texas. Mozelle married David Alger in 1941 in San Francisco. She is a convert to the Church and became a member in August, 1950, in the San Francisco Ward. They have six children, all now working in the Church. The eldest, Beverly Jean, recently maried Rex Child of Mission Ward. Mozelle is a counselor in Primary. She graduated from the Senior Aaronic School with her husband, and took the teacher training class in Sunday School. She is now active as the wife of the second counselor of the bishopric.

Ruth Matayoski was the second child born to Dutaro Matayoski and Kama Takayoshi in Hawaii on the Island of Kauai. Her father was the greatest independent pineapple grower on Kauai. She was a convert to the church in 1951 and married Michael M. Yoshinaka in 1952 in the Hawaiian Temple. They have two children, Bruce and Linda.

ACTIVE IN HAWAII

She was Hawaiian Visitors Bureau worker on Kauai for six years. After conversion she worked closely with Temple President Bowring for five years in preparing from 70 to 80 for an annual excursion to the temple. She worked in Relief Society, MIA, Genealogy and was Branch secretary in Hawaii, and came to America to San Francisco Ward in 1957 with her family. She is Genealogy committee secretary here.

Her husband, not only is Ward Clerk, but also a student in City College.

Mary Katherine Ahlf, the oldest child and only girl of three children born to George Ahlf and Dessie McIntire of Boulder, Illinois.

It was in Centralia, that the missionaries found her and she joined the Church in Bloomington in Nov., 1950.

Mary has been Sunday School teacher, chorister, first counselor, secretary and president of Relief Society, in Mutual, and in Primary She was in charge of Genealogy, took the teachers training course, and was a stake missionary; was on the Genealogy committee of her stake, and in San Francisco, she was secretary to the Ward Genealogy committee and is now teacher of genealogy class.

FROM ILLINOIS

She came from Illinois to Hayward, California; became the reporter for the Singles Club of Oakland, at which club she met William Morrison, Jr. They were married in 1957 in the Los Angeles Temple.

She is the wife of the Ward financial clerk.

Renee Morgan was born in Provo, Utah, the third child of Ralph Morgan and Elizabeth Fitzgerald.

In 1957, she married Dave Chaffee in the Los Angeles Temple. She is a graduate of BYU. She took the Foxly organist and chorister course in San Francisco Ward in 1959; was co-ordinator of the Sunday School for nearly two years; taught in Provo Junior Sunlay School,

The Lester E. Bybees Observe Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Sons and daughters of Lester E. Bybee and Elva Green honored them June 18 at a delightful open house held at the home of their son, Curtis,on Elinora Avenue, in Oakland. The affair marked the couples' 50th Wedding Anniversary, and was attended by friends and relatives from all parts of California and Utah.

Married in the Salt Lake Temple May 15, 1910, the Bybees lived the early part of their life in Kaysville, Utah, where all of their eight children were born. Later they lived in Salt Lake City, Sandy, and Ogden, Utah.

In addition to their eight children, they are the grandparents of 29, and the great grandparents of 11 (the last one being born to their grand daughter, Joanne Bybee Byers during the afternoon of the reception)).

Sons and daughters from California included: Ruel and Robert from San Francisco, Alan, from Burlingame, Curtis, from Oakland, Vern, from Soquel, Mrs. Maxine Mills, from Santa Rosa, and Mrs. Afton Young, from Richmond, and from Utah, Mrs. Elaine Kessling.

Since coming to California in 1937, the couple have lived in San Francisco, Brisbane and Santa Rosa, California. At present they reside in Oakland at 5835 Mac Arthur Blvd. Brother Bybee has been actively engaged in the Real Estate Business for 33 years both in Utah and in California. Although semi retired, he still is associated in the business with his son, Curtis, at Curt Bybee Realty, in Oakland.

Both brother and sister Bybee are active members of the Oakland 4th Ward, where Brother Bybee is assistant class instructor of the High Priests Quorum, and Sister Bybee is active in Relief Society work.

Redwood City Ward

Basic Material For Psychologist

A psychologist would have had a mad, mad time at the June 2, closing social of the Redwood City Relief Society looking at the "mad" hats the ladies had concocted and guessing why each hat looked the way it did.

Would the two ladies with the Hawaiian motif be longing in secret for a trip to that famous Island? Was it an accident that the one who loves to chat most had her hat covered with dozens of objects, calling the whole a "conversation piece?" If you ask the gals with the rocket and sputnik hats for the most up to the minute information in any field, they are the ones who know it. Our flamboyant sister topped a sea of red geraniums with lighted candles; the quiet contemplative one chose to bring in the peace of the sea by decorating her hat with sea shells.

Could it be that there is a clash between domesticity and romance in the gal whose hat was strewn with kitchen utensils, but whose veil of dishtoweling was draped in the swashbuckling manner of the sheiks of Araby?

There were flower garden hats by the green thumbers and one called "wishing on a star" with silver star and gold wishbones sitting on top of a head whose favorite expression is "I wish."

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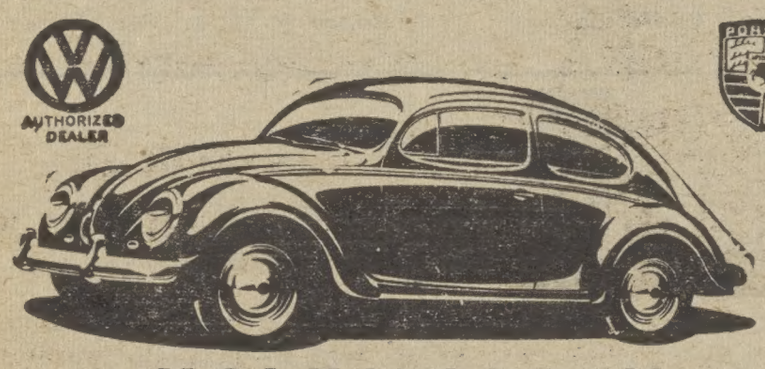

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WELCOME! . . . Bishop Theodore M. Mudge of Castro Valley Ward offers a handshake of welcome to Brother James Booth who became a member of the Church and of Castro Valley Wtrd last month. Happily looking on are Elder and Mrs. Fullmer Latter, Stake missionaries who gave Brother Booth the Gospel message. Both men are polio patients and though Elder Latter was not able to baptize, he did ordain his friend.
—photo by Al Scheuller

Castro Valley Ward

F. Latter Confirms J. Boothe; Polio No Barrier for Them

By Lillian Sorensen

A few friends of the Fullmer Latters of Castro Valley Ward, convened June 4, at their home to witness the baptism of James L. Boothe who, like Elder Latter, is afflicted with polio. As a result of missionary work done by Rose and Fullmer, Boothe became interested in the gospel and desired baptism. For this ordinance Brother Boothe was strapped onto a litter and lowered into the water in the Latter swimming pool. Baptism was performed by Lorenz Smemoe, assisted by Frank Rowe, Garth Ludwig and Rowland B. Smith.

Confirmation was done by Elder Latter. He was assisted by Elders Desmond O. Stewart, Hayward Stake District President, and Lorenz R. Smemoe. President Reece Merrill was also present.

The meeting was concluded with Elder Rowe pronouncing the benediction.

Brother Boothe, the new member, is 23 years of age. He was stricken with polio about seven years ago, and now resides in the Suburban Hills Sanitarium where he helps pay for his care by keeping the books and accounts. He has full use of one arm and partial use of the other, so he is able to manage his wheel chair.

His hobby is photography and cameras. He has learned to do intricate camera repair work which also augments his income. At the present time he is taking an extension course with the State Rehabilitation Bureau and hopes to become a certified public accountant.

The Castro Valley Ward chapel, as the work progresses, looks more and more impressive and stately. On May 31, the 24-foot aluminum spire was placed atop the tower. The height from the base of the tower to the top of the spire is sixty-seven feet, seven inches. When the chapel is completed the spire will be illuminated by spot lights, according to Bishop Mudge.

The Relief Society closed the season on May 31, with a luncheon —a state-side luau idea—and a program featuring Hawaiian hula numbers by Holly and Virginia Root, as well as songs and stories of and from the Islands by various kamaainas.

A number of Hawaiian artifacts were on display and their uses and traditions were explained by Sister Eva Newton, one of the Stake representatives present.

Various adaptions of the colorful holoku were worn by the wahines, which added a note of gaiety and beauty.

Mrs. Rowland B. Smith left Castro Valley on June 25, on a motor trip which she designated as a Church history educational tour. Daughter Margery and son Kenneth went along. They visited Salt Lake City, the Utah Temples, Brigham Young University and other places of historical interest in connection with the Church.

Virginia Root was baptized June 4, at the Interstake Center. This ordinance, and the confirmation, was performed by Virginia's father, Dr. Frank Root, assisted by Bliss Cook.

Eight-year-old Linda Latter was baptized the same day. This ordinance was performed in the Latter swimming pool by Elder Rowland B. Smith. The confirmation was done by Linda's father, whose hands were raised and placed on her head while he pronounced her a member of the Church. Elders Frank O. Rowe and Rowland B. Smith assisted.

The BYU students who are home for the summer took over the Sacrament meeting on June 11.

Martin Smemoe, son of Elder and Sister Lorenz Smemoe, appeared on KBBM, a Hayward FM station, recently. He played two accordion numbers: Holiday for Strings and Pine Top Boogie, which should have taken care of the extremes in musical taste of his audience. Martin is sixteen and holds the office of Priest.

Elder Clinton Linnell has left the hospital and will recuperate at his home for a month or so before returning to the mission field. Due to conditions of health, he may have a change in assignment.

The Banner

Stake Officers Elected at Social

By Norma Hadley

Lee Offet and Julie Corbett were elected new Stake Ensign-Laurel presidents and Kathy Ireland was selected new secretary at the elections held June 7, in the Alameda Ward, under the direction of Brother John Sears and Sister Dauna Sandmire.

Mike Carter, outgoing Ensign president, conducted the elections. Each ward presented a campaign skit for its candidates — some of which were thrown together on the way to the elections. The skits varied from an Irish theme to a country bumpkin theme and were done entirely by the Ensigns and Laurels.

There were about 100 Ensigns and Laurels present, and in order to make the voting more efficient, one boy and one girl were chosen from each Ward as representatives to vote. They voted for first, second, and third choices. The candidate with the majority second and third votes won (usually each representative places his candidate first).

The voting was followed by dancing and refreshments. The new officers will take office in September. The outgoing officers are Mike Carter, Stake Ensign President; Merrily Johnson, Stake Laurel President, and Norma Hadley, Stake Secretary.

THE FOAL

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Ashby-Remington Song Accepted For Church Use

Three years ago the Golden Gleaner Chorus of Oakland Berkeley and Hayward Stakes was asked to sing a song about temple marriage for the Sunday evening MIA Conference. The girls could not find a song they felt was just right, so two of them decided to write one for the occasion. Lee Ashby of Oakland Third Ward wrote the words and Marjory Wood Remington, then of Claremont Ward, but now of San Lorenzo First Ward, set them to music. The new song was titled "For Time and Eternity." It was sung at that conference and later for an MIA Division Convention.

A number of people who heard the song felt it filled a musical need and it was sent to the MIA Music Committee in Salt Lake City.

This spring the committee announced that it has been accepted for Church use and would be presented in June Conference. The chorus again sang the song at the Northern California Master M-Men-Golden Gleaner Dinner Dance on May 14. Representatives of 13 stakes and Sister Bertha Reeder, General YWMIA President, were present and heard this rendition.

The song was presented in both Music Department and M Men Gleaner Department at June Conference where it was announced that it would be the new M-Men Gleaner song. In a letter from the co-chairmen of the MIA Music Committee, they said, "It was well received. We are sure that it will become an important part of the MIA repertoire and be used through the years."

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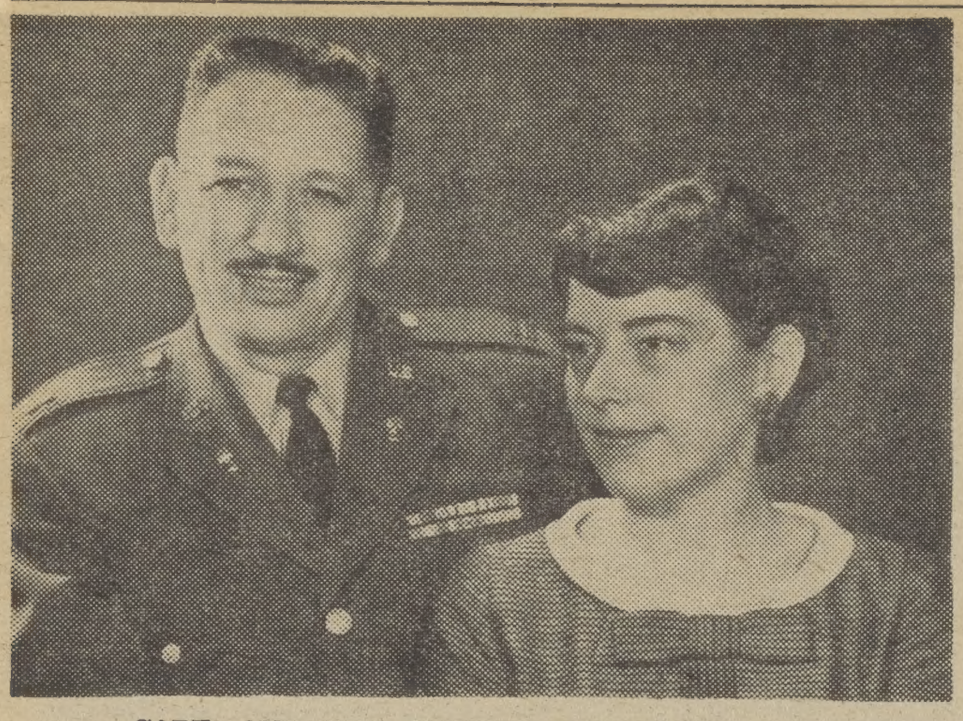

CAPT. AND MRS. FORREST DOUGLAS REAM

Berkeley Second

Captain Ream Weds in Alps

Basel, Switzerland, was the scene for the recent wedding of Capt. Forrest Douglas Ream to the former Barbara Ann Miller. The bride is a native of Worthington, Ohio. She graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and obtained her Master of Arts degree in Education at Ohio State University. She has been in Germany one year employed as a school teacher by the Air Force Dependent School System.

Capt. Ream, a member of the Berkeley Second Ward, is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley. As a distinguished military graduate of the University's ROTC program, he accepted a commission in the Ordnance Corps of the regular Army. He is presently stationed in Verdun, France. His work as the Ammunition Officer of the 4th Logistical Command involves considerable travel throughout France and Germany, working with U.S. and NATO troops.

Present at the wedding were the parents of the groom, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Ream, of Berkeley, his younger brother, Eldon, and cousin Joan Ream, the latter two students at the BYU. Attendance at the wedding was a high point in the three-month European tour now being concluded by the family.

Captain Thomson Receives Medal

Captain Paul A. Thomson was presented the Air Force Commendation Medal by Maj. Gen. Frank E. Rouse, Deputy for Materiel, Air Defense Command, in a recent ceremony at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Capt. Thomson is the son of Esther C. and the late Henry Eyring Thomson of San Francisco. His father was president of the San Francisco Stake High Council before his death in 1951.

The Thomsons' son distinguished himself by meritorious service while serving as a Research and Development Administrator in the Directorate of Systems Management, Hqs. Air Research and Development Command from August 1, 1955 through August 1, 1959.

His citation read, "During this period, Captain Thomson consistently displayed initiative and resourcefulness in the performance of his duties. His attention to detail and engineering ability provided the drive to enable the IM-99 to maintain program schedules of Weapon Support Equipment Development and operational facilities implementation."

Captain Thomson was born in Brigham City, Utah. He has served in Korea and Japan during his 10 years of military service. He was assigned to Ent AFB in August, 1959. He is the Assistant Chief, Missiles Branch (IM-99).

Los Altos Ward

Rodmar Pulley Is Home Again

Elder Rodmar Pulley of Los Altos Ward surprised his parents by slipping in a few hours ahead of schedule on June 4.

Just returned from a mission in Central America (Guatemala, Nicaragua) he surprised ward members with his Spanish accent when he bore his testimony on June 5. His parents attribute his accent to his wholehearted identification with the people in his field of labor. In addition to Spanish there are 300 Indian dialects in Guatemala. Missionaries had to learn a few words of the dialect of the village in which they worked in order to get into the homes, but the teaching was done in Spanish to the men, who then tranlated for their wives. (Most Indian women do not speak Spanish).

Rod served as branch president of three branches and as district president the last eight months of his mission. He will resume his pre-law studies at San Jose State College where he will be a junior.

Oakland Ward Honors

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An outstanding student, Parker was graduated from Piedmont High School with honors and was awarded a four-year renewable scholarship to Stanford University for scholastic accomplishments. He also received a scholarship to the B.Y.U.

At the B.Y.U. he was general secretary of the Aaronic Priesthood and divisional coordinator for the M.I.A. He was Junior Class senator and member of the Blue Key, a national honorary society.

Parker's farewell testimonial was held Sunday, June 19, in the Oakland Ward Chapel.

WALNUT CREEK STAKE

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a welfare activity for Senior Aaronic members. Shrubs are grown, which are sold each year at a "Family Fund" social.

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Redwood City Ward

Anne Ross and David Freestone Married in Redwood City Chapel

The Redwood City LDS chapel was the setting for the recent wedding of Anne Ross and David Freestone, both of Redwood City Ward and graduates of Sequoia High School. Bishop John G. Weaver officiated.

Anne, who attended Brigham Young University and is now working for McAllister Buick in San Francisco, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Culbert Ross.

The bridegroom is a senior at the University of San Francisco where he is majoring in International Relations. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freestone of Iowa, who were in attendance at the wedding.

THE ATTENDANTS

Anne was attended by her sister, Luzon, as maid of honor and two bridesmaids, Darlene Scratch and Marilyn Bryant, the latter being a niece of the groom. Tommy Ross acted as page and Marjorie Andersen, another niece of the groom, was the flower girl. The ushers were Ronald Teeple of Portland and Arnold Baltzley of Sacramento. Ed Andersen, brother-in-law of the groom, was best man.

The bride was dressed in white chantilly lace and net with an illusion net veil coming from a crown of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of baby roses and white orchids. The bridesmaids, dressed in yellow dotted swiss, carried bouquets of carnations. The maid of honor was similarly dressed in orchid.

RECEPTION HELD

For the reception, which was held following the wedding in the recreation hall of the church, a flower garden effect had been created with hanging baskets of blooming fuschias, trailing ivy, and pink carnations. Refreshments were served to 250 guests.

David is a recent convert and he and Anne are looking forward to the time they can solemnize their marriage in the temple.

Oakland Ward

Linda Taylor Weds in Temple

Miss Linda Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris W. Taylor of Salt Lake City, was married June 17, to Frank C. Higham Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Higham of the Oakland Ward. The marriage was performed by President El Ray L. Christiansen in the Salt Lake Temple.

Following the Temple Ceremony the families of the bride and groom enjoyed a wedding breakfast at Wright's Beautiful Restaurant in Salt Lake. A Garden Reception was held Friday evening at the home of the bride's parents in East Mill Creek. The bride's attendants were Mrs. Kim Taylor, Matron of Honor, and the Misses Linda, Nan and Leslie Ann Higham were bridesmaids. Mr. Merrill Higham of Oakland was best man.

Linda recently graduated from the University of Utah, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree and Frank graduated from the Brigham Young University June 3, also receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Carmel and will make their home in the Oakland area.

MRS. LINDA TAYLOR HIGHAM

JANET SINGLETON

Los Altos Ward

Singleton-Ebert Troth Announced

Elder and Mrs. Clair Singleton of Los Altos, formerly of Ogden, Utah, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janet Rae, to William Ebert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Ebert of Los Altos. No definite wedding date has been set.

Janet is a 1960 graduate of Los Altos High School where she was a Homecoming Queen candidate. She was also active in dramatics. Her fiance was graduated from Los Altos High School in 1958 and has attended Foothill Junior College and San Jose City College. He also works part time at the Star and Bar Station on San Antonio Road.

Claremont Ward

Don Allen Wins Moot Court Job

Don Allen, second year law student at the University of California, has been elected chairman of the Moot Court Board for next year. In the Moot Court competition this year he received second prize in oral arguments and was presented with four volumes on California tax and business law.

Don was among 25 students appointed to the Moot Court Board for next year. All were prize winners or received honorable mention in the competition. Three other L.D.S. students were appointed to the board. They are Melvin Close, Lloyd George, and Larry Petersen.

The Moot Court program's purpose is to give training in legal writing and oral presentation of a case in a mock hearing before a supreme court.

Don Allen is from Logan, Utah, and is now living in Claremont Ward in Berkeley.

DON ALLEN

WIVES IN BISHOPRIC

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Ward. They came out on time with a full team: Marty Baker, Mike Daily, Robin Williams, David Alger, Jr., James Daily, Jr., Mickey Darow, Reggie Thomas, Steven Nickolas, Mike Morgan, Alan Callaway under the guidance of Coach James Lynch, who has now been called back to Santa Rosa fire line. The Balboa team lost by default: not full team and late.

Confirmed in May was Suzannah P. Wright by Elder Headman, Alan George Callaway by Myron Hanchett, Michael Joseph Morgan by Robert L. Parchman and James Richard Ryan by Elder Thad Plumb.

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Alameda Ward

Gerald Fralicks Sail for Japan; Long Trip for Elsie Fonoimoana

By Lue Seavers and Donna Rice

Brother and Sister Gerald Fralick and sons Gordy and Terry of Alameda Ward, sailed June 8 aboard the USNS General D.I. Sultan for Japan. They will visit their son Gerald Jr. who is stationed there with the Air Force. They expect to stay about two months. Their son Gordy will be with the Alameda Explorer Scouts on the trip over, as they too will aboard the General D. I. Sultan.

Elsie Fonoimoana left the 19th for Samoa. On the flight over she touched down in Hawaii, then on to Tafuna Airport in Samoa. Suamalie Tuia, her uncle, and others in her family were there to greet her. Before she left, a Bon Voyage party was held for her at the home of Gail and Signe Slangerup where she was presented with a money tree.

SECOND OPERATION

We are all rejoicing with our bishop and his wife Vivian Nicolaysen over the second successful operation on their baby Gail's eye. One eye was operated on a few weeks ago, the other one recently.

Sister Gene Vincent underwent an operation for the removal of a cataract from her eye June 13th. This being the second eye from which a cataract was removed.

The Relief Society presidency honored Gaylene Vincent at the work day meeting and presented her with a gift. Gaylene was released from R. S. secretary, a position she loved and at which she did well. We hate to see the Vincents leave Alameda, but wish them happiness in their new home in Irvington. The new R. S. secretary office will be held by Joanne Kirk. We congratulate Joanne and Jerry on their recent new baby girl born May 21st weighing 81 lbs, 40 oz. and named Kathleen.

NEW OFFICERS

Other new officers and teachers are Carol Woodhouse secretary YWMIA, Verla Smith, Jr. Sunday School coordinator replacing Iona Stamps, and Ruth Cathro, primary teacher.

Bruce and Leah Morgan and four children, of Las Vegas, visited his mother Mildred Fontano for a week.

Marion Haws visited her parents, Eleanor and Louis Engel, for a few weeks. We hope she didn't convince them they should move to Santa Barbara.

Three sisters from the Alameda Ward joined members of eight other wards in the S.F. Stake on an excursion to the L.A. Temple May 28. Sisters Ethel Larson, Alice W. Nelms and a visiting sister from Utah, Sister Berghold. They left from the Stake Center. All attended three sessions on Saturday.

Sister Alice Nelms has just completed a three weeks vacation from her position at the Oakland Army Terminal. She went to the L. A. Temple, visited Yosemite with her son, Pacific Grove with her granddaughter Jimi Gay McIntire of Castro Valley, attending Sunday School and the R. S. closing social, and ended her vacation with a trip to Fort Ross.

TRIPS TAKEN

Anna Mae Zundel and Marion Gooch went to Idaho to visit their father who suffered a heart attack, but now is improving.

La Vina and Bill McRae have had a three weeks vacation to Utah and Idaho.

Merrill and Betty Hanson went to Idaho for a family visit.

Five boys from Burlingame Ward Scout Troop Number 46 were selected to play with the Honor Band and Orchestra in a concert held recently in the San Mateo High School Auditorium. The Honor Band and Orchestra was composed of students selected from the intermediate schools of San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, and Hillsborough. Left to right the boys are: Roy Howard, Terry Morley, Tony Thorpe, John Gebhard, and Paul Shurtz. John Gebhard is President of the Burlingame Ward Deacon's Quorum, and Tony Thorpe and Terry Morley are counselors for the quorum.

The Durhams, Ross and Carol, have gone to Mexico where they plan to spend three weeks in different parts of Mexico.

Lorine Powell is in Riverside Calif. where she is visiting her son Gary and his wife.

Dallas Pocock drove to Twin Falls Idaho to visit her daughter, Faye Johnson and family, then drove to Provo where she met her son Rodney Jr. at the B.Y.U. and both returned to Alameda.

Among others to return are Tom Winkle, who visited home a short time and then returned to the "Y" for summer school. The Charles Eliasons drove to Provo and brought their daughter, Judy, home with them. Duane and Allen Hunt are back as well as Signe Slangerup. Signe brought a girl friend, Vickie McGlaughlin, with her to stay the summer. Both plan on working and saving their money for a trip to Germany next year. Both girls are studying German.

Rhea and Robert Nelson are the parents of a baby girl, Karen Lou, who arrived June 9th. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and has a older sister Nancy Lynne, 4.

DEGREE AND DAUGHTER

Earl Cardon graduated June 3rd with a Bachelor of Arts degree. A week later his wife Diana (Whiffen) presented him with a unique graduation present; a 9 lbs. 7 oz. baby girl they named Michele Marie. Next semester the Cardons plan on continuing school in Florida.

Congratulations! "A red letter day" for Brother and Sister George H. Pinckney was June 3rd. They traveled to Provo to see their sons, David and George H. Pinckney Jr. receive their masters degree in recreation from the B.Y.U.

The Explorer Scouts from Alameda Post No. 16 sailed June 8 on the General D. I. Sultan from Japan, where they are planning a bike tour of Japan. The General D. I. Sultan is a 608 foot deluxe transport, built in Alameda.

Brother and Sister Bangerter visited Salt Lake for two weeks and brought their grand-daughter Marla Ann Horne and her baby Thomas Kelly, home with them where she will visit awhile.

Elder Kendall T. Clayson is expected to return home about the 1st of July after completing an Eastern States mission. Elder Clayson is the son of Bill and Gladys Clayson.

Brother and Sister Orville Armintrout have a new addition in their nursery, a baby girl they named Kathy. She has an older brother 2½ to welcome her.

Garnold Frazier and Betty Lind were married by the Bishop May 27th in the Alameda Ward Chapel. Following a reception they departed for the Los Angeles Temple where they were sealed. Betty looked lovely in the exquisite wedding dress her mother created for her.

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MY TESTIMONY

By Mabel B. Liddell

It was late afternoon. An attractive lady was driving her car between small towns in Oregon when a sudden shower drenched the highway. Then she saw two young men, unusually clean cut in appearance hustling along the roadway, getting soaking wet. She stopped the car and called for them to get in.

Seeing that she was alone, they hesitated, even in the driving rain, asking if she wanted the two of them to ride. "We are Mormon missionaries," they explained and politely started to introduce themselves. "Get in out of the rain," she urged, "then tell me who you are."

BOOK OF MORMON

They rode with her for about twenty minutes—but in that time they explained about their mission, told her about the Church and placed in her hands a Book of Mormon.

She was absolutely astonished to learn that they were **college students** from Utah and Idaho who had interrupted their educations for **two years** to serve the Lord, **at their own expense!**

Her work was tutoring students for college entrance examinations and she had only recently completed work for her doctorate at Columbia University. Throughout these associations she had noted a grave trend toward Communism. This tendancy provided such a sharp contrast to these self-sacrificing, humble missionaries that she found it almost unbelievable.

Because of this twenty minute ride through the rain with two strangers, this educated lady is eagerly reading the Book of Mormon and listens every Sunday to the Tabernacle Choir broadcast. Who can tell the far reaching result of this brief contact, not only in her life but in her contacts with youth?

A Latter-day Saint lady, traveling across the nation on a train was seated beside a pretty young girl. A casual remark about Indians, was the beginning of an interesting conversation that lasted long into the night about the Book of Mormon. The girl was intensely interested because her great grandmother was a Cherokee Indian. She accepted a Book of Mormon and was informed as to the location of the Church at her destination.

CASUAL CHAT

A California couple on vacation in Salt Lake City, stopped at the inviting shade of the Temple grounds to rest in the heat of the day. They began a casual chat with a gentleman in a wheelchair who was sitting alone in the cool shade of a tree. He was unable to walk farther with the tour group because of an injury. They found him to be intensely interested in Mormonism but hesitant to ask questions in a group. Thinking the California couple were tourists like himself, he felt free to discuss religion with them. For an hour they had an inspiring discussion with this learned man who had long questioned the **supposed** authority his church claimed. They were well informed and able to answer his questions. When they went on their way, they had made a new friend with whom they had shared the precious truths of the gospel restoration.

Who knows the result of casual vacation contacts?

TOP VIOLINIST—Holly Root, 13, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Root, received the Outstanding Musicians Award for her participation in the Honor Orchestra for four years as a violinist, and this year as concert mistress. The orchestra students themselves voted her this honor.

Holly is the first to have her name engraved on the school plaque presented by the Castro Valley Music Council, which also presented her with a pin in recognition of her achievement.

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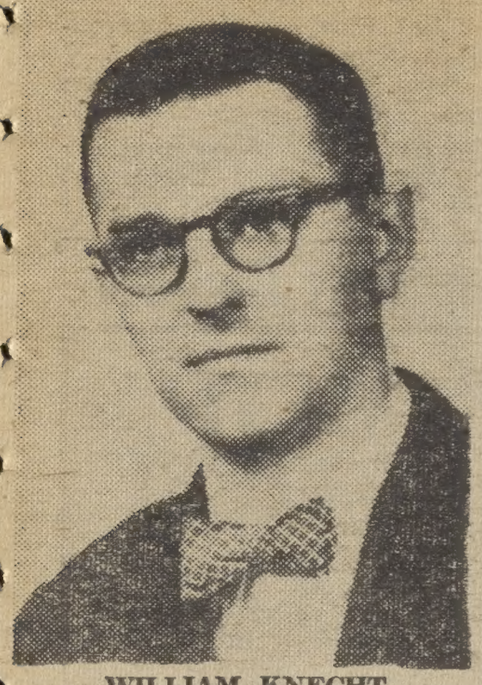

WILLIAM KNECHT

Claremont Ward

William Knecht Bishop's Counselor

By Betty Moss

New man in the job of second counselor to Bishop Wood of Claremont Ward is William Knecht. He replaces Norris Wadsworth. The Bishop thanked Norris for his capable and diligent work during the past three years as ward clerk and then counselor in the bishopric.

William Knecht was recently a counselor in the fourth quorum of elders. His wife is the former Eunice Harmon, and they are the parents of four young children. He is employed by the California Farm Bureau Federation as an attorney with the Public Utilities Department. Two years ago he received his L.L.B. from Harvard; the family has been in the Ward for about a year.

A missionary farewell for David Tucker was held June 19. Dave has accepted a call to the Andes Mission, a new mission organized about a year ago, which includes Peru, Chili, and Bolivia. Speakers on the farewell program were Kirk Hart, Jim Rawls, Bishop Wood, and, of course, Dave. Lily Blackburn sang, and the prayers were given by Ernest Ahlborn and Seldon Millward.

Sunset Ward

Dentists, Pharmacists, Others Receive Degrees, Honors

By Jean Lauper

June was the month of graduations, and Sunset Ward wishes to congratulate two new Doctors of Dentistry. Richard Russell and David Morris have both received their degrees from the University of California School of Dentistry. Dr. Russell is Superintendent of the Sunset MIA and his wife Pat is president of the Ward Primary. Eugene Pickens received his degree of Doctor of Pharmacy, and Milo Atkins, who has been president of the senior class was given his B.A. in the same school. He will stay a year longer for his higher degree.

ELDER DAVID TUCKER

Among the younger students Judy Pearson has graduated from San Francisco State College. She will return for post-graduate work next fall. Home from the Brigham Young University are Bill Aaron, Karen Ray and Judy Mayfield. Jane Roehl has returned from Snow College in Southern Utah. Linda Johnson completed the year at the University of California in Berkeley and has gone to Provo to attend summer school at the BYU. Among high school graduates are Karen Kramer and John Storheim.

Born to Lenore and Don Sheldon, on May 20, was a son who was named Mark Owen Sheldon. He has two older brothers, David and Paul, and his grandparents, the Chalmers Emighs.

During the absence of the choir director for a few weeks, Russell Homer has taken over the choir. He will continue until the end of June when a group of young people, especially called by the Bishop, will present the music for a two month period. During that time a number of musical activities are planned.

Hazel Ellison is vacationing in Utah. Before returning home she will go to San Diego for a visit with her son and his wife.

Serge and Jean Lauper spent a two week vacation in Washington as the guests of their son in law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hutchings.

David Oaks, who has just graduated from Lincoln High School, and has attended Sunset Ward for many months was baptized a member of the Church in June by Elder Bain of the Stake Mission. He was confirmed by Dale R. Burnett and has been ordained a deacon. The Ward extends a warm welcome to this young man. Bennett Pence, another recently baptized member has now been ordained a teacher.

David Thomas has been selected as the Chorister of the Y.M.M.I.A.

Mary and Lee Christensen became the parents of a baby girl this month. They are already the parents of three boys.

The Relief Society held its closing social in May.

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By Dixie Wood

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These words set the theme for the recent Seminary graduation at which 11 of Berkeley First Ward's youth received their diplomas. Graduating were Rick Arnold, Steve Baer, Steve Bailey, Jim Gardner, George Harmon, Harry Johnson, Kirma Kenner, Miriam Osmond, Hilma Strebel, Janet Williams, and Paul Glenn. Not only did these seminary members receive their diplomas, but they all participated in the inspiring and uplifting program. In addition to the musical number presented by the complete group of Berkeley First Ward graduates, Jim Gardner and Steve Baer were members of a male quartet which presented another musical number, and Rick Arnold offered the invocation. Afterwards, the graduates were honored at a hotcake breakfast in the home of their instructor, George Strebel. The following Saturday, Sister Miriam Osmond gave the group an Italian dinner at her home.

JUNE BRIDE Lois Jean Reiche became Mrs. Carmen Henry Davis on June 28, in the Los Angeles Temple. The Davises will live in Berkeley. —photo by Doug Paulson

TO ENROLL AT Y

Norma Hadley, daughter of Sister Lois Hadley, has been awarded a scholarship by the Albany Soroptomist Club for her scholastic achievements and many activities on campus. Norma will apply this scholarship toward her enrollment at BYU in the Fall.

Home from the "Y" for the summer are Ward members Lynette and Caroline Eyring, Margery Sabine, Sue Bailey, Connie Sparks, Kendra Wincott, Carl Johnson,Jr., Charles Rose, Kent and Don Jarman, Gary Bramwell, and Jerry Basinger. Home from Utah State is Dave Bramwell, and from Stephens College is Macki Hand. Graduating from BYU was Yvonne Johnson, daughter of J. Ed and Lavon Johnson.

VISITORS FROM UTAH

The Ward was pleased to renew friendship with Don and Leora Reid and John and Lou Kemp, former Ward members, who were visiting here from Utah recently. Departures from our ward this past month included Wayne and Dilene Ashby and daughter Tracy —to Texas to work; Ross and Olive Esplin and Judy, Jill, Robin, Mary, Linda, Claudia—to Utah for a short vacation and visit with families and relatives and then on to the Church college in Hawaii, where Ross will teach; Eugene and Betty Kregg and children, Kathy, Nicky and Jimmy—to University of Utah, where Gene has received a scholarship; Frank and Beverly Miller and daughter, Karen—to Pennsylvania for five months and then to Seattle, Washington, where Frank will work. These members have all contributed a great deal to our Ward, both in spirit and in service, and will be greatly missed.

TO STUDY ABROAD

Berkeley Ward member and UC Scientist, Bruce Burnham, was awarded a March of Dimes research fellowship to study at the Nobel Medical Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. Bruce received his Ph.D. at the University of California here, and will study at the biochemical department of the Swedish Institute. Bruce's postdoctoral studies will include 13 months of advanced training in laboratory research to prepare him for a career in medical research and teaching. Bruce and his wife, Julia, and their two children, Paul and Ann, are now en route to Sweden.

The Ward extends its warmest welcome to new members Francis Partridge and family, Don Sargent and family and Armada Zundell. These members are so new, in fact, that we don't know much about them yet.

We were saddened to learn of the automobile accident on June 11, involving Emerton and Margaret Williams and their children. While the children were fortunate not to receive more than minor injuries, Margaret and Emerton received rather extensive and serious injuries and are still confined to the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Oakland. There is hope for Margaret's early release from the hospital, but Emerton will be confined for sometime yet.

News has reached us of the fiftieth wedding anniversary celebrated on the 15th of June, by former Ward members Clyde and Marie Lindsay.

Sunset Ward

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Elder Chalmers P. Emigh, of the Sunset Ward, has been appointed District Manager in the San Francisco area by Hurlbut H. Sender, Regional Vice President for Waddell & Reed Inc. The company is the international distributor of United Funds Inc., and United Funds Canada Ltd. investment shares and plans, two of the major mutual funds in America.

Brother Emigh is a convert to the Church as of two years ago, and he, his wife Dorothy, and daughter Lenore Sheldon were baptized and confirmed by Elder Chalmers P. Emigh Jr., of Boston at that time.

Brother Emigh says his testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel has enriched his life and has given him inspiration.

He serves as teacher for the Senior Aaronic Priesthood class, and is active in ward teaching.

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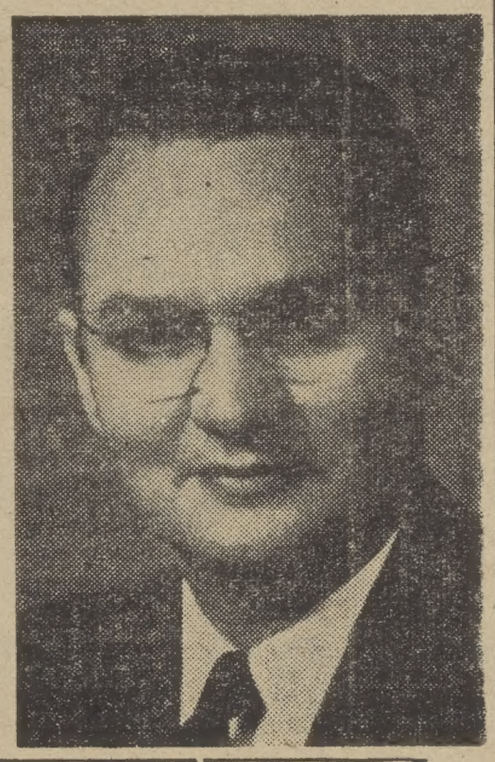

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Oakland Fourth

Florence Harris Shower Honoree

By Vera Johnston

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Florence Cragun Harris, former member of Oakland Fourth ward was honored with a baby shower at the home of Mrs. Deanne Jackson in San Lorenzo June 4. After visiting with the honored guest the group played games, had refreshments and then saw the cutest clothes a little boy could wear. Morrell Lafe was born May 5 to Brother and Sister Harris, who now reside in Mountain View and belong to the Los Altos Ward. They hope however to move to the northern Sacramento valley before the summer ends. Guests of Deanne were Lynette Verhaaren Iona Reynolds, Pat Stewart, Tina Nackos, Marge Hawkins, Vera Johnston and Sister Jackson, mother of Florence.

Linda Jean Formay and Larry William Formay were the babies blessed and those confirmed were Jonathan E. Allen, Ralph Verle Carter, Grace Duval and Eva May Burgen, this last month.

Brother Beck, Sister England, Sister Kitzburger, Blyth Mitchell, John Layne, John Nelson, Sister Donague, Sister Vreeland and Sister Carruth are some of our members that are on the sick list. Members are urged to visit them.

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Scenes of Antarctica were shown to 50 members of the Singles Group by Harold Loveless, electronics technician first class, U.S. Navy. Harold was one of 180 men picked from 4,000 volunteers to spend 10½ months in Antarctica.

Anything one sees he has only to ask for it, said Mr. Loveless. The enlisted men and officers had the same amount of money—none.

Living is close on Hallet Station, he said, and none had secrets from any other man. There were no women. No colds either; it was too cold for them. There is no dust in the air, and no depth perception. Pictures of mountains that appeared to be in the back yard were seven miles distant. Clouds are rarely seen, but Mr. Loveless filmed a rare type. He said the world's largest continent is covered with from 50 to 75 feet of ice and one's feet, if placed on the floor too long, will freeze, even if it is warm enough inside to melt butter on the table.

Refreshments were served after the presentation.

YEAR BEGINS

President Claire Judd and her assistants have been contacting bishops and members on behalf of the organization. Members are reminded that this is the beginning of the club year and $2 dues are payable. This takes care of stamps, paper and other material.

Meetings are held the first Sunday of the month at the Oakland Fourth Ward chapel on Virginia Street, East Oakland. Further information may be obtained from Amy Ralphs, KE. 4-8691, or by writing to 2123 High Street, Oakland.

At the May ward dinner the members heard Brother Stam from Alameda sing "Scarlet Ribbons For Her Hair," "John Henry," "Island In The Sun" and "Deep In My Heart."

Darlene Johnson has accepted the job as ward recorder. Members are to inform Darlene by writing to her or calling LO. 8-3409 and giving her the news. The deadline is the 18th of each month.

University Ward

5 Bachelor's, 3 Master's Degrees Reported in University Ward

By Anna Bushman

Several members of our University Ward graduated from the University of California this semester. Renee Hunt received her degree in Child Development. She will do her student teaching in the fall.

Carol Nielson graduated in Public Health. Lila Parent received her B.S. in Home Economics. Ray Stein received his degree in Business. David Call graduated in Accounting.

Clyde Russell, who received his Master's degree in Education, has accepted a teaching position in Castro Valley. He and his wife, Catherine, will move to San Lorenzo soon.

Phil Koldewyn received his M.A. in Spanish. He will spend the summer in Spain, associated with the Experiment in International Living. Howard Hatch, a member of our Ward last year, returned here briefly to take comprehensive examinations for his Master's degree in French. He received the degree and returned to Florida where he is stationed as Chaplain with the USAF.

Some of our members have gone away for the summer. Mary Kenner and Gayle Bringhurst will both spend some time in Mexico. Gwen Andrus will attend the summer session at the University of Hawaii.

Carolyn Jensen and Mary Louise Wilson are touring Europe together. They will return in late August. Joe West has enlisted in the Armed Services for six months.

Peter and Louise Kenner and their baby son, Paul, have returned here from Boston for the summer. Pete has resumed his annual summer position as teacher of the Gospel Doctrine Class. Yvonne Johnson graduated from BYU and has accepted a teaching position in Hayward. Kent Jarman is spending the summer at home in Berkeley. He attends BYU.

Helen Swan and Dean Madsen were married June 17, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Carolyn Braby and Reed Call were married there on June 27. Jean Reiche and Carmen Davis were married in the Los Angeles Temple on June 28.

On the evening of June 5, graduation was held for the members of the Teacher Training Class. Graduates were: Barbara Behrman, Renee Bird, Margaret Bodily, Norene Green, Earl Mortensen, Bailey Neff, Victor Nielsen, Lila Parent, Beth Ann Strebel, Jordan Tanner, and Bob Wilson. The program was presented by the graduates and a special talk was given by Sunday School Board Member, Joe Monsen. Janis Woodward was teacher of this class.

Lamba Delta Sigma had its final party of the school year on May 27. It took place on board a chartered boat. About 50 LDS members enjoyed the moonlight cruise around the bay. Dave Peterson was in charge.

This year's group of "River Rats" have just returned from a boat trip down the Colorado River. On the good boat "Yogi Bear" were Bruce Merrill, Jean Merrill, Lynn Pennock, Gaye Sorensen, and Susan Larsen. Bob Wilson was captain.

The captain of the "Huckleberry Hound" was Steve Kovacich. His crew members were Dorothy Coltrin, Beth Ann Strebel, Warren Siebert, Carol Stoddard, and Deon Bringhurst. Carol Stoddard was head cook for the expedition, and Merlin Shaw, former Assistant Director of the Institute, was the leader.

On the way home, the River Rats spent a night at Bryce Canyon and attended Helen and Dean Madsen's reception in Provo.

Elder Lee Kenner and his daughter Mary were in an automobile accident near Wendover, Utah, about June 15. Brother Kenner suffered some severe cuts and other injuries. He is in LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City. Mary was unharmed.

Doug Paulson has accepted a summer position in the Social Security District Office in Reno. He will be student assistant with the option to continue as a claims representative upon graduation next June. He and his wife Norma will return to Berkeley in the Fall.

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